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Mr. Hanlon:

The Gas Industry has adopted the tactic of buying the silence of landowners with wells negatively impacted by gas drilling by offering to provide them with water as long as they do not discuss the details of their tainted water with anyone else.

If the EPA wants to get the bottom of how widespread the damage is from gas drilling, an aerial survey of residents with plastic "water buffalos" outside will reveal the number of families that traded their right to free speech (and to complain) for the price of potable water where drilling is active in the "Gaslands" across America.

Sincerely,

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